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NOME SUBDISTRICT SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE

The Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon gillnet fishing schedule goes into effect June 15, 2012.

A subsistence permit is required to harvest salmon when subsistence fishing in Nome Subdistrict waters and may be picked up at the Nome Fish & Game office. Please bring a State of Alaska i.d. or another i.d. that indicates Alaska residency. Permits are free.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for all marine waters of the Nome Subdistrict is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Gillnets up to 300 feet in length are allowed in marine waters.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for fresh waters of the Nome Subdistrict is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. The fresh water areas open to gillnet fishing are listed on the permit. Gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. No more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets.

Subsistence hook and line fishing is open at all times. Sport fish bag limits apply when subsistence fishing with hook and line outside of Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas and all chum salmon must be immediately released in the water when fishing in the Nome Subdistrict outside of the subsistence areas listed on the back of the permit. No snagging is allowed anywhere in fresh waters.

The chum salmon run is expected to meet escapement goals and the department will allow seining in Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas during the gillnet fishing schedule in June, except for the Penny and Cripple Rivers which are closed to chum salmon fishing. In July the department may allow seining depending on salmon counts at the escapement projects.

Areas from Topkok Head to Rocky Point and from Cape Douglas to Cape Rodney are open seven days a week. From Cape Douglas to Cape Rodney and from Topkok Head to Rocky Point there are no catch limits in marine waters for subsistence fishermen. Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict subsistence permit for the catch limits for the marine and fresh water subsistence areas between Cape Rodney and Topkok Head.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!